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**Sen. Cappiello, Reps. Carson, Giegler Encourage Residents to Attend  
Hearing on State Taxes**



*Informational Hearing to be Held in Danbury on  
November 3*

State Sen. David Cappiello, R-24th, and State Reps. Mary Ann Carson, R-108th, and Janice Giegler, R-138th, today announced the Legislature's Program Review and Investigations Committee will hold a hearing in Danbury on Thursday, November 3 to elicit information and views in regard to its current study of Connecticut's tax system. It will be held at Danbury Council Chambers, Danbury City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue, beginning at 7 p.m.

The area legislators noted the hearing will provide local residents an excellent opportunity to have direct input on any proposed reforms. It will be one of only three hearings regarding the study to be held outside of Hartford, the others being conducted in Hamden and Groton.

"Tax policy is what shapes Connecticut's economy. It has a direct effect on every person who lives and does business in our state," said Sen. Cappiello. "That is why it is so very important for people to voice their concerns regarding taxation and what changes they believe are necessary. This hearing certainly gives local residents the opportunity to do just that."

"This is a great opportunity for folks in our area who want to express their view on the tax structure," said Rep. Carson, who serves as a member of the committee. "It is scheduled at a time more convenient for people than many legislative hearings and they will not have to drive to Hartford."

"The study may have a major impact on any changes to the state's tax structure and the hearings are an excellent chance for direct input from taxpayers," said Rep. Giegler. "I hope we have a strong turnout."

The first phase of the study will examine the state and local tax structure to determine how well the system performs based upon naturally recognized criteria. Depending on the outcome of the first phase and the desire of the committee, the second phase may examine various alternatives for change, their potential benefits and drawbacks and how different options might impact different taxpayers in the state.

For more information on the study, visit [the committee's 2005 Studies website](#).